

Canine Bulletin

Nebraska Task Force - 1

July 2004

NE-TF1 Extended Canine Training Weekend June 18th – 20th 2004

Submitted by: Andrew Pitcher

It started out as an invitation for Gail McCarthy from MA-TF1 to come to Lincoln to join our monthly team training. Then we also invited Colorado and Missouri Task Force members. Before long word got out and we hosted an extended national training weekend in Lincoln with 18 canine teams attending.

In addition to the regular training we had a pre-test on Friday June 18th. The weather conditions were not the best with isolated showers continuing throughout the day. Five teams took the test, with just one team passing. Many thanks to Mike Agnew and Ann Wickmann for evaluating the test. While the testing was going on, other dog teams headed for the West 'O' street rubble pile where we set up some search problems.

After the weather cleared in the afternoon, we did some open rubble training at the LF&R training center. This gave us a big appetite for a pizza dinner at the LF&R logistics center. Rick Klein came over and gave us a tour and talk about logistics and the equipment they have. Thanks Rick!

Rick had arranged for our use of some generator lights at the LF&R rubble. We used the lighting for night training. All the dogs did very well with these problems.

Training continued throughout the weekend, with some teams using the rubble at West 'O' Street, others using the LF&R rubble, while other teams worked on agility, directability or barrel alerts.

Things wound up around noon on Sunday, providing us some great experience and getting to know the other teams from around the country. What a great bunch of people and dogs, I wish they could train here every month!

Many thanks, to: Jim McConnell, Dave Cygan, Mike Agnew, Rick Klein, and Eric Jones for their assistance in setting up this event and seeing things went smoothly.



Group photo session with some of the canine teams.
Photo courtesy Scott Hofstetter.



April Walker and Anka from CO-TF1
Photo courtesy Scott Hofstetter.



Kim Lark and Boot from NM-TF1
Photo courtesy Scott Hofstetter.

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New (Potential) Canine Handler Arrives in Lincoln

Submitted by: Andrew Pitcher

I had thought that taking a Type I US&R test was one of the toughest things someone could do. It is nothing compared what my wife Anne DeVries went through to deliver our new son, Nolan James DeVries Pitcher on Sunday June 13, at 4:19 pm. After being overdue for nearly three weeks, Nolan was born via natural childbirth. He was 9 lbs 10oz and 21 ¾ inches long. He and his Mom are doing fine. He is a happy wee chap who seems to love dogs and his Mommy and Daddy.



Partners Past

Submitted by: Lynne Engelbert

The recent loss of so many of our valued search partners has prompted some of us to consider having a page on disasterdog.org dedicated to our *Partners Past*. This will include both the canine and human partners we have worked with over the years.

The few rules for this page are as follows:

1. The canines or humans must have been FEMA certified, either Type II or Type I, at sometime during their working lives,
2. A picture of the canine or the handler will be included (send me your favorite)
3. A written tribute of no more than 100 words, and
4. Send your submittal to me at: lengelbert@comcast.net

I will review the submittal for appropriateness (verify certification, etc.), check spelling, etc. and send it to Teresa MacPherson for final approval before it is included on the web site.

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Gail McCarthy with Bacco from MA-TF1



Julie Noyes from CO-TF1 working David Cygan's dog Bailey



Our own Jim McConnell working Hi-Tech, Donna Black's dog from NM-TF1

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